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PATENT APPLICATION  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Schechter et al. Examiner: Michael F. Peffley  
Serial No.: 10/712,486 Group: Art Unit 3739  
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For: **COMPRESSIBLE JAW CONFIGURATION WITH BIPOLAR RF OUTPUT ELECTRODES FOR SOFT TISSUE FUSION**

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on September 3, 2009, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.